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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SECURITY PROTECTION FOR TURKISH DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. ON JULY 10, IHSAN AKAY, MINISTER AND DIRECTOR OF THE  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS' AFFAIRS SECTION IN THE MFA PROTOCOL  
DEPARTMENT, CALLED IN CHARGE TO DISCUSS STATE DEPARTMENT  
RESPONSE TO TURKISH REQUESTS FOR PROTECTION OF TURKISH  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE US. AKAY CHARACTERIZED  
HIS REPRESENTATION AS A CONTINUATION OF THE MARCH 28,  
1978, CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIS PREDECESSOR, SALIH DILER,  
AND THE EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR.

2. AKAY READ AN ORAL PROTEST AND PROVIDED A COPY  
TO THE CHARGE. TEXT OF THE PROTEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

I. THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE TURKISH  
CONSULATES GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND NEW  
YORK HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
CONCERNING PROTECTION OF TURKISH MISSION IN THE  
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UNITED STATES AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS AND TERRORIST  
ATTACKS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL WHEN  
ARMENIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE IN-  
TENSIFIED.

II. NO SATISFACTORY REPLY AND NO SATISFACTORY MEASURES  
FOR PROTECTION AND SECURITY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. THE

ONLY REACTIONS FROM AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

1) SOME SECURITY MEASURES WERE TAKEN ONLY ON THE DAY OF MANIFESTATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND THERE IS NO CONTINUING PROTECTION OF THE TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL.

2) ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE TURKISH HOUSE IN NEW YORK, ON THE 23RD, 24TH, AND 25TH OF APRIL ONLY.

3) AS FAR AS OTHER TURKISH CONSULATES ARE CONCERNED (THOSE IN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES), NO SPECIAL MEASURES WERE TAKEN DURING THESE DAYS.

4) ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ONLY REPLY IN WRITING ADDRESSED TO THE COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, MR NURES, TO THE REPEATED INITIATIVES OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE: THAT THE TURKISH DEMANDS WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE COMPETENT SECURITY SERVICES, AND THE EXPLANATIONS PROVIDED BY THE SERVICES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY.

5) ON JUNE 13, 1978, THE MATTER WAS RAISED AGAIN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN EUROPE AFFAIRS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR, AFTER REITERATING THAT THEY WOULD DO EVERY-

THING IN THEIR POWER, FRANKLY DECLARED THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION WOULD CONTINUE AS IT IS. THIS

ATTITUDE CERTAINLY MEANS THAT NO POSITIVE RESULT HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE INITIATIVES OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY.

III. THE RECENT INCIDENT IN MADRID HAS PROVED ONCE MORE THAT TERRORIST THREATS CONTINUE AGAINST TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD AND AMONG THEM, TO OUR MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL NECESSARY SECURITY AND BE PROTECTED THROUGH ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES.

IV. IN TURKEY, MEASURES TAKEN BY THE CONCERNED TURKISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANKRA, AS WELL AS FOR RELATED AMERICAN MISSIONS, ARE BEING ASSURED AT THE MAXIMUM LOCAL LEVEL POSSIBLE. RECIPROCITY SHOULD ALSO BE

INSURED FOR THE PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF TURKISH  
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT.

3. CONCLUDING HIS PRESENTATION, AKAY COMMENTED  
THAT THE GOT IS STILL AWAITING A REPLY TO ITS  
REQUEST FOR "ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES." HE NOTED  
THAT THE GOT BASED ITS ACTION ON ARTICLES 22 (2),  
29, AND 30 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS.

4. IN RESPONSE, THE CHARGE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE  
BASIS OF TURKISH CONCERN, AND HE SAID HE WOULD  
TRANSMIT AKAY'S ORAL PROTEST RAPIDLY TO WASHINGTON.  
HE ADDED THAT PROVIDING THE LEVEL AND KIND OF  
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SECURITY PROTECTION SOUGHT BY THE TURKS IS DIFFICULT  
WITH THE UNITED STATES' FRAGMENTED POLICE SYSTEM,  
BUT HE PROMISED TO ASK FOR A REPLY TO BE CONVEYED TO  
THE MFA IN ANKARA AND TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASH-  
INGTON.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO AKAY'S ORAL PROTEST  
WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE TO HIM, WITH PARALLEL PRESENTA-  
TION TO TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: WE HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE  
SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO TURKISH REQUEST. SINCE  
1973 EIGHT TURKISH DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN  
KILLED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS. THE GOT IS EXTREMELY  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF ITS DIPLOMATS  
FOR WHICH SELF-STYLED ARMENIAN TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE  
CLAIMED CREDIT, AND OPPOSITION CRITICISM IN THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT  
SECURITY MEASURES FOR TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THE WAKE  
OF THE KILLING OF THE WIFE OF THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR  
AND HER BROTHER-IN-LAW IN MADRID IN JUNE HAS FORCED  
THE MFA TO PUSH FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR ITS  
DIPLOMATS. THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE AND VOCIFEROUS  
ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES, COMBINED  
WITH THE KILLING OF TWO TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN SANTA  
BARBARA IN 1973 HAS PLACED ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON  
THE MFA TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE--I.E. DEFENSIBLE--  
LEVEL OF PROTECTION FOR ITS MISSIONS IN THE UNITED  
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